


Chief, Chemicals Branch
THRU : Chief, Materials Division
THRU : Chief, Economic Research Area
Chief, Services Division

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Request for Intelligence Support

1. The Economic Defense Intelligence Committee (EDIC), chaired by Chief D/E, has been requested by its Department of Commerce member to produce as soon as possible an intelligence summary on Sino-Soviet Bloc uses and requirements for and supply of phthallic anhydride. This summary is intended to supplement the technical review, currently undertaken by the Department of Commerce, to determine whether phthallic anhydride is of sufficient military-industrial significance to warrant its addition to the U.S. Positive List and possible recommendation for its inclusion in the International Lists.

2. You are requested to assist in fulfilling this EDIC requirement by furnishing whatever intelligence information you may have on this subject. This information - classified no higher than SECRET - should be submitted to this office by COB 8 April.

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